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LB 204, 204A

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Merz moves as follows. (Read Merz motion found on page 1863 of the Journal regarding LB 204 and 204A).

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That would be a special order if it's done that way. Alright. Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. Speaker, I know this is a very large favor. If you all knew the importance of this bill to the State of Nebraska and everyone here, I think that you realize that I ask this favor. These places that are taking care of alcoholics are practically all out of money. This will be one way that we can continue the funding. I hope that you realize this. I hesitate to move ahead to someone else. I've never felt that this is the way to do things, but due to the facts here I think this should be done. I ask for your support.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Merz, I am in support of your bill. I want to see it acted on this year. I've been very patient in trying to get to LB 142, for instance. I have another bill that is a preference bill, that is high, that Senator Cullan and I introduced. I would like to be cooperative, but 142 is something I've waited a long time on. I guess I need to know if we're going to get to it this afternoon or not. I think that is highly unpredictable. Senator Luedtke, would you respond as Speaker?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Yes. Go ahead.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Do you have any anticipated things you'd like to say about the agenda from now on, or whether you think we will have sufficient members here this afternoon to act on the controversial bills.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: This afternoon we should. I don't know of any reason why we would not have adequate....

SENATOR BEREUTER: I was thinking about the NCSL....

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: No, there will not be that many people absent at any one time anyway, not to my knowledge at all. So we can proceed with any normal controversial subjects.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Senator Merz, I will not object at this point to being cooperative. If things do not move well this afternoon I may have to ask for a reversal on this.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett. Senator Barnett calls for the question. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Debate ceases. Senator Merz, I will recognize you for a short and a very brief closing.